

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings All!

Three quarters down and part way through the 4th and final quarter of 2011 and what a year it's been! Three major holidays down, three more to go..."relative"-ly speaking! Several time-outs taken for the various BDSM / Kink events throughout the year thus far, not to mention various commercial breaks for Mother's Day, Father's Day and assorted individual birthdays and anniversaries.

The field is set for the final quarter of 2011. CHC has enjoyed celebrating its 40th Anniversary Year with many of our members, friends and guests at each of our monthly and annual events this year thus far. We look forward to closing out 2011 with as many of you as possible who plan to party and play with us at our remaining events.

We started our year end count down with the October monthly play party and 4th Quarter Bar Night in early October. We are looking forward to our Associate/Applicant Weekend (AAW) and the Thanksgiving holiday in November followed in December by three CHC events and the remaining major holidays (see the club's events [calendar on page 3](#) and the [Program Chair's article on page 2](#) in this newsletter). If you haven't already made plans, we hope you will consider joining us for any or all of our remaining events scheduled through the end of 2011 as we close out our 40th year of celebrating and enjoying our kinky and fetish activities.

In October, CHC also held its annual Full Member Business Meeting where nominations and elections took place for electing the club's 2012 Board of Directors. Special thanks to the men who served the club during this year as the 2011 Board of Directors. This year's 13-member Board of Directors did an awesome job taking

care of the day-to-day and month-to-month operations of the club as well as following through on various activities to help celebrate and mark the club's milestone 40th Anniversary Year! This year's (2011) Board consists of:

Paul Cantrell (President),
 John B. (Vice President),
 Doug V. (Secretary),
 Rob W. (Treasurer),
 Mike B. (Membership),
 JW R. (Program),
 David K. (Inferno Coordinator),
 Mark F.,
 Patrick H.,
 Greg H.,
 Gene M.,
 Roger S., and
 Chris S. (Members at Large).



Thank You Gentlemen for a wonderful year and for all

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FROM THE PROGRAM CHAIR

I would like to begin by telling you what an honor and a privilege it has been to serve as Program Chair for 2011. I have really enjoyed seeing so many of you at our events this year. While I wish my successor J.C. L. and the 2012 Program Committee all the best, 2011 isn't quite over, and we still have some events on tap to heat the upcoming winter months.

First up is Associate/Applicant Weekend, Friday to Sunday November 11 – 13. This will be a very special time for the club, as it marks the culmination of our 40th Anniversary Celebration. Friday night begins with a meet and greet at the Clubhouse for members and applicants only from 7pm to 9pm, and continues with a party open to guests until 2am (doors open until 11pm).

On Saturday we return to Marcello's Father and Son Restaurant (645 W. North Avenue) for the banquet. Cocktails will begin at 6pm, with dinner following at 7pm. Later that evening, we continue with a party at the Clubhouse beginning at 9pm (again, doors open until 11pm). We finish up the weekend on Sunday with brunch and a party at the Clubhouse beginning at 11am (doors open until 1pm). Use the [application form](#) in this issue of **THE BRAND** to register early - we anticipate a huge turnout

and space will be limited for all of the weekend's events, especially the Banquet. **While Banquet reservations are due November 1, there may still be space if you act now, and we will be accepting party reservations through November 10.**



JW R.
Program Chair

We'll finish up 2011 with not one, not two, but three parties in December. On Saturday, December 3 we host the Windy City Bondage Club at the Clubhouse as part of their 25th Anniversary celebration. Our monthly training and party will take place the following weekend on Saturday, December 10. Finally, we say goodbye to 2011 with our New Year's Eve party on Saturday, December 31. Come

join us for our traditional champagne toast at midnight as we ring in 2012.

Your feedback on our events and ideas for other opportunities is always welcome. The best way to reach me is by e-mail at program@hellfire13.net. J.C. and I are already planning the calendar for 2012 – see the [events calendar](#) of this issue of **THE BRAND** for the first four parties of the year.

As always, none of this can happen without your help! Volunteering is a good way to give back to the club, and for Full Members, a good way to fulfill part of your annual volunteer requirement.

Here's wishing you all a wonderful end to 2011 and an even better 2012!

In Brotherhood,
JW R., 2011 Program Chair

THE BRAND

Jack S., Editor

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Special Event Group	2011 Date MM/DD	Event	Place	Time	Additional Information
AA Weekend	11/11	Meet & Greet for Members & Applicants	Clubhouse	7pm - 9 pm	See article on page 2 and registration form on page 7 .
	11/11	Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	
	11/12	Banquet	Marcello's	6pm - 9pm	
	11/12	Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	
	11/13	Bruch & Party	Clubhouse	11am - 3pm	
2011	12/3	Windy City Bondage Club 25th Anniversary Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	RSVP program@hellfire13.net
	12/10	Monthly Party	Clubhouse	8pm - 2am	RSVP program@hellfire13.net
	12/31	New Year's Eve Party	Clubhouse	9pm - 2am	RSVP program@hellfire13.net
2012	1/14	Monthly Party	Clubhouse	8pm - 2am	RSVP program@hellfire13.net
	2/11	Monthly Party	Clubhouse	8pm - 2am	RSVP program@hellfire13.net
	3/10	Monthly Party	Clubhouse	8pm - 2am	RSVP program@hellfire13.net
	4/14	Monthly Party	Clubhouse	8pm - 2am	RSVP program@hellfire13.net

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## THANK YOU FROM MCADORY FUND BOARD

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I would like to thank all of you who supported the McAdory fund raising efforts at Inferno XL by donating cash or merchandise, by supporting the silent auction, flea market or the raffle ticket drive, and/or by volunteering your time and brawn to help set up and make things run smoothly.

We raised a lot of money for the McAdory fund which helps us help our leather brothers and sisters in their time of need particularly during these difficult economic times.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Yours in S&M Leather,

Brent McGuinness, McAdory Administrator
Eric B., McAdory Board member
Mike S., McAdory Board Member

A PUP'S GRAND ADVENTURE

Lying in a small bed, huddled up against the edge, a complete stranger pressed way up against my rear, covers pulled all the way to my head, my hands bound in puppy mitts tied tight, a tail stuck in my butt, I contemplated the situation. I had been told I would be rescued sometime the next morning. This was Monday night, two days before Inferno was even supposed to start. I was uncomfortable, hot, sweaty, a little scared and couldn't sleep with one snoring stranger at my back and 3 others 6 feet away. What the hell was I thinking coming here, and damn that tail hurts! Mostly though I was thinking - fuck yeah - here we go, I just got basically ambushed and put to bed like a puppy, right proper. I think I may like, no love, this place.

Almost a week later on the last day I was on the cross in the middle of the compound, tied up outside in the beautiful sunlight. Noises I had never heard before were coming out of me full bore, while my back was being pounded on, heavier than ever before, by an immensely handsome, sexy, skilled and STRONG leatherman! I cried and I laughed and I screamed, all coming out at the same time in a strange gurgling noise, and all I could think of was what a frigging awesome grand adventure this had been. My brain was full and happy and my body was loving every beautiful thud of His flogger.

A week before going to Inferno I had breakfast with some long time Inferno attendees who while chewing down their eggs and sipping on their coffee casually swapped stories about abductions, interrogations and what not, gleefully referring to them as summer camp activities. Their casual tone as they described teams of hooded men grabbing some poor innocent and carrying him off never to be seen again while he nibbled on a piece of breakfast melon engendered I would say a modicum of panic in me. Before breakfast I was looking forward to a nice time, having some fun in the sun, camping near a lake.

After breakfast I was definitely scared, apprehensive.

Nonetheless I packed up my bags in San Francisco over the next few days, made my way to Chicago, and hence on to the Eastern shores of Lake Michigan. I got there early on Monday and had several hours on my own to spend wondering what the hell I was doing, and what exactly I would be getting myself into. I only started playing to any degree within the last couple of years, and I had no idea if I could fit in here with so many experienced players, or whether I'd even like it at all. I decided my strategy would be to hold back, observe as much as possible, talk and get to know people, and then come back next year if invited, and maybe then I would start to play with something on the safe end of the spectrum, if indeed there was such a thing here.

From around 6pm that first evening though those thoughts never once crossed my mind again! I met the most welcoming, funnest, boisterous, put-together crowd of men ever. They immediately attacked me, poked me, prodded me, punched and hit me, pierced me, flogged me, electrocuted me, car buffed and rubber banded me, let me bark and bite and howl and fight and whine and eat and piss and fuck and nap and use jackhammers all day, and generally gave me the best week of my life.

I quickly learned name tag protection strategies, after spending several hours chasing and tackling handsome perverted crazies who seemed to think it was funny to grab it from me while distracting me with, oh I don't know, a series of punches to the thigh, or chest, or biceps, or most anywhere. And security really did not seem to be terribly helpful in these situations. And it

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A Pup's Grand Adventure [\(Cont'd from page 4\)](#)

constantly baffled me how everyone knew to hit in exactly the same spot that everyone else just hit before them?

The next two days after extracting myself from mitts and tail were spent building out an amazing Disneyland. I spent my days working with and getting to know a funny wonderful sexy man and a team of great guys as we built out the compound and then helped fill it up with goodies and toys. Disneyland indeed, it was for me anyway as I ran around looking at each piece and asking what it was for, then jackhammered the stakes into the ground to hold it securely for what was to soon come.

Setup was so much fun, both the work and the constant banter and play with the group of wonderful fellas, that come Thursday afternoon, I would have in no way been disappointed to be going home then. It was a totally fulfilling experience in itself. Of course I was very glad I wasn't going home... Seeing the bare grounds transform into the best adventure park for sick puppies ever was amazing to behold and partake in. The attention to detail was astounding, no grommet hole left unstaked, no piece of furniture left unjackhammered, bolted, screwed, foamed and spray painted in bright colors.

And then men started to arrive, and kept arriving, a

A Message from Our President [\(Cont'd from page 1\)](#)

your efforts and hard work at making it a successful year for our club.

The 2012 CHC Board of Directors are:

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John R. [aka Skip] (Vice President),
Doug V. (Secretary),
Rob W. (Treasurer),
Jeff J. (Membership),
JC L. (Program),
David K. (Inferno Coordinator),
Mark F.,
Greg H.,
Louis L.,
Gene M.,
Chris S. and

whole bunch more men - beautiful Leathermen of all descriptions. I like mens. My planned hold back and do nothing strategy didn't really last very long, indeed it hadn't really been an option since the beginning of setup - I was already bruised and battered and so unbelievably happy that the barks and howls kept leaking out unchecked.

The days of Session A were just beautiful. The camaraderie was something I'd not experienced since college days. I was made to feel so welcome right from the get-go, with an ever escalating level of banter and wrestling and masculine fun always exactly one step above what I thought was my comfort zone! I had some wonderfully funny and satisfying scenes every day, and I laughed and cried more than in a long time. I had many firsts - piercing (which was wonderful), being car buffed, locked up in a cage wired for electricity where people poked at the big puppy inside (that'd be me) with metal things, eating a dog catcher, too many to describe, but all done with such care and love and openness.

I felt totally unsafe in a wonderfully safe way, and I was constantly alive. Inferno was brilliantly fulfilling.

Oh yeah. I'll be back next year.

Killer pup

Scott Z. (Members at Large).

The remaining months of 2011 will be key for the transition of those newly elected to the 2012 CHC Board of Directors as we gear up for our 41st year of club events and activities. Thank you to each of these men for their dedication and commitment at stepping up to the challenge of leading CHC through our next year. We welcome you to join us throughout 2012 at any or all of our monthly and annual events. If you're interested in exploring membership opportunities within CHC, please inquire via info@hellfire13.net

Season's Greetings to all and please remember to continue your support of your LGBTQ local and national charities as well as any of the other national charities that are near and dear to your hearts.

Regards,
Paul Cantrell – CHC President 2011

A TOP'S FIRST INFERNO

When I arrived at Inferno XL, I checked in and made myself at home in the Barracks. I scouted around and noticed all of the tents set up, people enjoying themselves, and the wall surrounding the whole place. During Inferno, I was amazed at just how much time and effort goes into these 7 days of "indulgency" from every aspect - engineering, planning, food, beverage, medical, security, electrical, snacks, dungeon master duty - the list goes on and on. Almost everything here is so precisely planned that it reminded me of my 4 years in the Marines - with an officer of the day to handle high level decisions and resolve any serious issues, duty in "Satan's Station", and the security guards at all of the entrance points.

Prior to Inferno I was so excited. I spoke with many others who had attended previous Infernos about their experiences. Much of what I had heard was now exactly what I was seeing. But there were things I had not expected. There are lots of scenes in the tents, for sure, but there was also much going on in what I understand was a new area this year in the woods. I came across a very hot guy there one night and we had an excellent time. All around Inferno, I saw lust, anger, domination, discipline, punching, beating, bondage, love - but all consensual and some scenes were extremely hot. There is definitely something and someone at Inferno for every guy who attends.

My sponsor checked in on me often and asked how I was doing. I remember thinking to myself "if I'm not hav-

ing fun I simply need to walk a few feet and there will be something else I can enjoy". My sponsor, his partner and another experienced flogger took a couple hours to teach me all of the various types of floggers, the kinds of materials they were made from, and how they could be used. I even got to practice a great flogging technique called Florentine.

The food was good., The beds and mattress pads in the Barracks reminded me of something that would have come right out of World War I. But that was fine. I enjoyed the Barracks because of the mix of personalities and the community that developed over the session. For those who don't know what the Barracks is like, it is rows of bunk beds set up in a wider section of hallway. At 2 am one night, one guy who had security duty got up, got dressed, and then leaned over my rack and gave me a quick BJ before starting his shift.

If I ever needed some quiet time or vanilla time there was always the swimming pool which I really enjoyed. One afternoon while I was there, my sponsor brought me a cocksucker to blow me while I was at the pool getting some sun. I thought "REALLY! DELIVERY!" That was an awesome experience. I hooked up with the orally skilled guy a few times before Inferno was over.

Everything and everyone I met during Inferno were really cool. I had a great time meeting and talking with guys from all over the world, and I am really glad I went and experienced Inferno and look forward to it

again next year.

Thanks to everyone for a great time.

C. G.



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Special Note about the AA Weekend Form Below

This form has a couple of small but important corrections from the ones that appeared previously in the Fall issue of **THE BRAND** and the October issue of The Cicatrix (which included one of these corrections).

The two corrections are:

- 1) There is no ticket donation for an applicant for the banquet, and

- 2) The form in the previous issue of **THE BRAND** mistakenly requested "Number of guest/applicant tickets" under the Banquet section and should have read "Number of CHC Member Tickets". A separate line has now been added for the number of Applicant tickets.

We apologize for the errors and any confusion they may have created and assure you that any donations made in error will be returned. Please check with an officer when you arrive at the Clubhouse or banquet .

AA Weekend November 11-13, 2011 RSVP – Reply early- space is limited!

Person Submitting Reservation _____

Email _____ Phone _____

CHC Sponsor Name (Guests Only) _____

BANQUET

Please print name(s) of (all) attendees _____

Banquet ticket(s): \$20/ticket for CHC Members \$35/ticket for Guests

Number of CHC Member tickets _____ Number of Guest Tickets _____ Total Amount _____

Applicants do not pay for the banquet - Number of Applicant tickets _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

PARTIES

Please print name(s) of (all) attendees _____

Suggested Donation for Party Ticket(s): \$25/party or \$65 for all three parties for Guests only

(No Donation Necessary for CHC Members and Applicants)

Number of Members & Applicants / Guests attending parties: Friday ____/____ Saturday ____/____ Sunday ____/____

Amount of donation for party tickets _____

Grand Total for Banquet and Parties included in this reservation _____

Reservations for the banquet must be received by **November 1, 2011**. Send checks or money orders payable to **FIRESIDE CLUB, LTD.** with this reservation form to Fireside Club, Ltd., P.O. Box 577618, Chicago, IL. 60657-7618.